THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) The construction of High Court buildings and residential quarters for the Judges are the primary responsibility of State and U.T. governments. Therefore, no centralized information is maintained in such matters.

(b) The central government has been operating a scheme for infrastructure development of judiciary, including construction of court buildings and residential quarters for the judges, since 1993-94. Under this scheme, 50% of the cost of the construction of court buildings and judges quarters are borne by the Central Government. From the year 1993-94 upto 31st March 2004, a sum of Rs. 631.39 crore has been released to states and U.Ts. as central share. The States are expected to contribute a matching amount as their share.

Ban on election advertisements

†669. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to enact any law to impose a ban on the election related advertisements; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Legal aid scheme for poor tribals

670. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the legal aid scheme for poor tribal people has been implemented in Nagaland;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.